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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Hideaki Watanabe et al.

Application No.: 10/040,436

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Art Unit: 2134

For: PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING
SYSTEM, PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE
ISSUING METHOD, DIGITAL
CERTIFICATION APPARATUS, AND
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

Examiner: J. E. Elmore

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated September 28, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 09202005), finally rejecting claims 1-12 and 17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.



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Applicant(s): Hideaki Watanabe et al.				
Invention: PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING SYSTEM, PUBLIC KEY CERTIFICATE ISSUING METHOD, DIGITAL CERTIFICATION APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM				
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.				
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